



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager
Court Date: October 14, 2024
RE: Mental Health Court
FY 2025 Specialty Court – Mental Health Grant Award

BACKGROUND

Galveston County initiated the Mental Health Court in January of 2021, which was later enhanced utilizing funding from the Specialty Court Grant Program from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office – Criminal Justice Division. The mission of the Galveston County Mental Health Court is to improve the quality of life for people with mental illness charged with crimes and make more effective use of the community's limited criminal justice and mental health resources.

SUMMARY

Attached is the FY 2025 Specialty Courts Grant award for the Galveston County Mental Health Court Program. The grant covers the salary for personnel, travel/training as well as equipment /supplies and contract services for drug testing and assessments.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

County Contribution	\$0.00
Grant Application	<u>\$221,825.00</u>
Total Program Cost	\$221,825.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court to consider approval to accept the FY 2025 Specialty Court – Mental Health Court grant award from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office – Criminal Justice Division.

DOCUMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

- FY 2025 Specialty Court – Mental Health Court Supporting Resolution